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THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR HOSTS RECEPTION FOR PUBLIC & PRIVATE SECTOR

The Department of Labor will host a "Government After Hours" reception on <u>Friday</u>

October 7, 2005 from 5:30 to 7:30 pm. in honor of Labor Awareness Month and to spotlight the importance of public/private partnerships as a vehicle to stabilize, develop and protect our territory's workforce and to enhance economic development and employment opportunities.

Commissioner, Cecil R. Benjamin, on behalf of the entire Department of Labor, extends an invitation to officials of all branches of the government and stakeholders in the private sector to this unique opportunity to meet and familiarize themselves with people who they interact with from time to time through correspondence and telephone. He states, "This reception allows all stakeholders to come together during a social evening of relaxation to mix and mingle and to honor and pay tribute to our public and private dedicated servants. It is our fervent hope that this can help foster a better working relationship and partnership amongst all stakeholders in both sectors of our community."

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